

Washington, DC - "Bob Feller was an incredible athlete, a proud lowan and a great American. Feller's professional career began in Cleveland at the age of 16, where in his first major league game he struck out 15 batters. His star power grew so rapidly that his high school graduation was broadcast nationally. His Hall of Fame career included pitching an opening day no hitter and two others , but it was his actions off the field that showed his commitment and love of our country. The day after Pearl Harbor, in the prime of his career, he enlisted in the Navy and served a 4 year tour during World War II. Iowa is lucky to have known such a storied athlete and veteran."